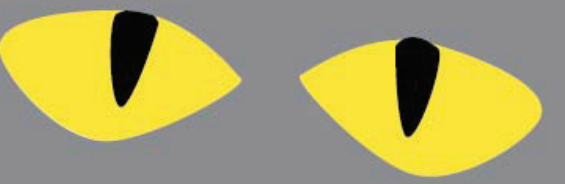
How I learned all about RABIES



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JOEY

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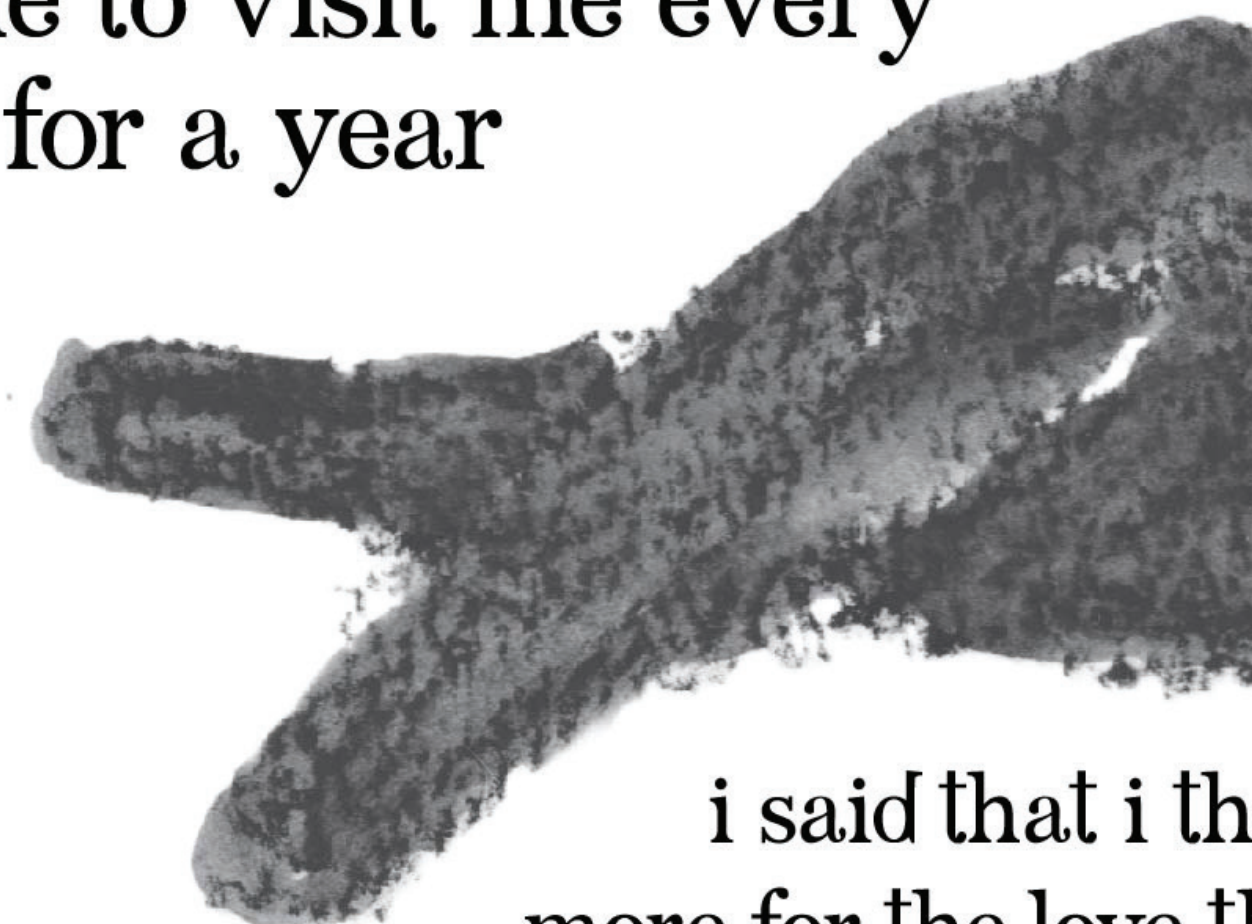
day for a year



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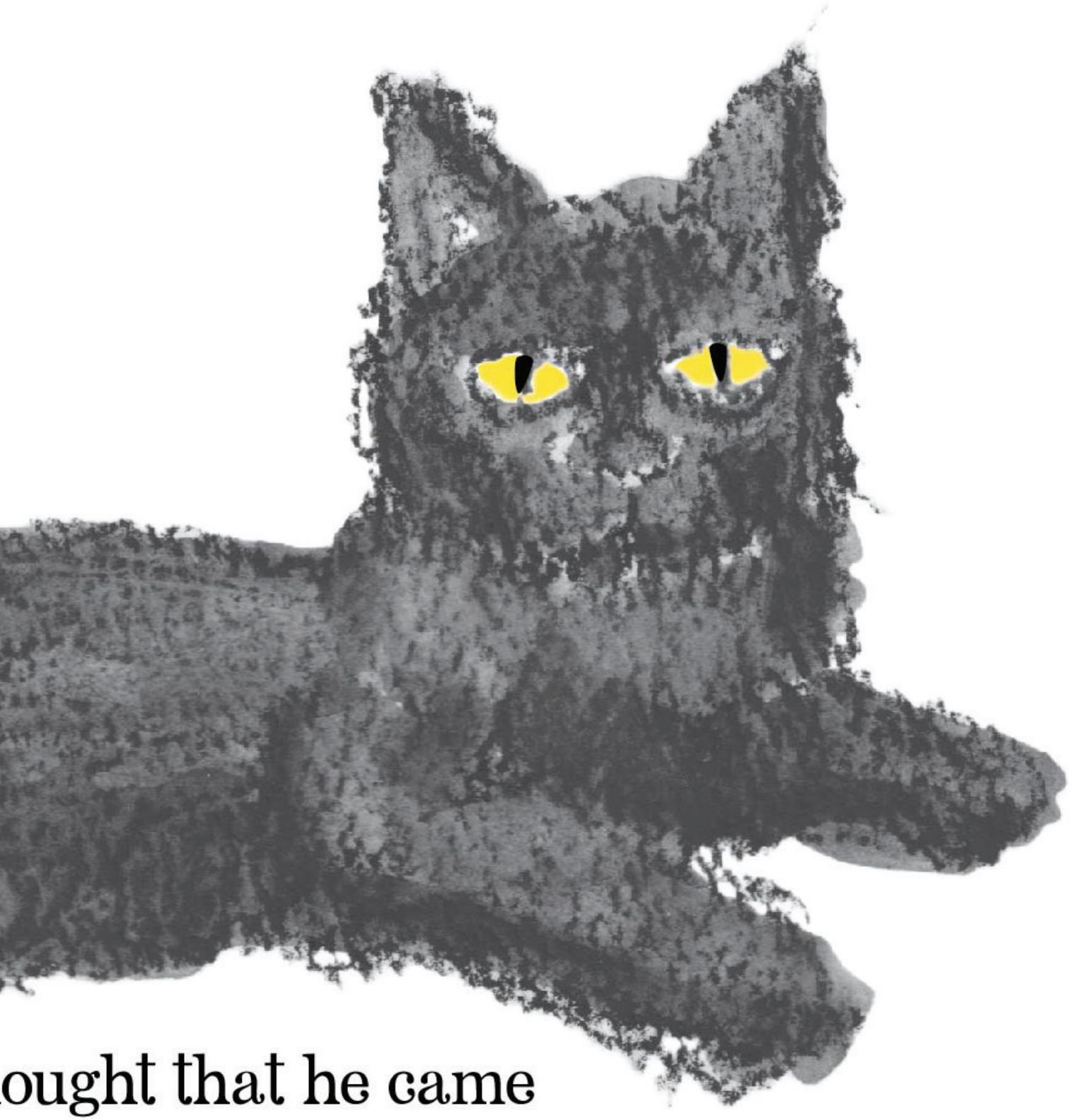

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han the food, because sometimes
fered, but he always wanted petting.

one day when i was returning from sh
in the sun on the porch. i bent down to
he suddenly bit my hand, really hard.

we both looked at each other in shock. i dont
he intended to bite me like that. i went into th
washed the wound and applied antibiotic oint
i knew from past cat bites that i should go to
doctor for antibiotics so that it didn't get infec

i went to the citymd urgent care center.
after a long wait the doctor came in and told
i needed to go to the hospital for rabies shots,
explaining that since the cat was a stray it
could possibly have rabies, and if it did, it wou
die in 10 days, however if i had contracted ra
from the bite, i would die in 3 days.

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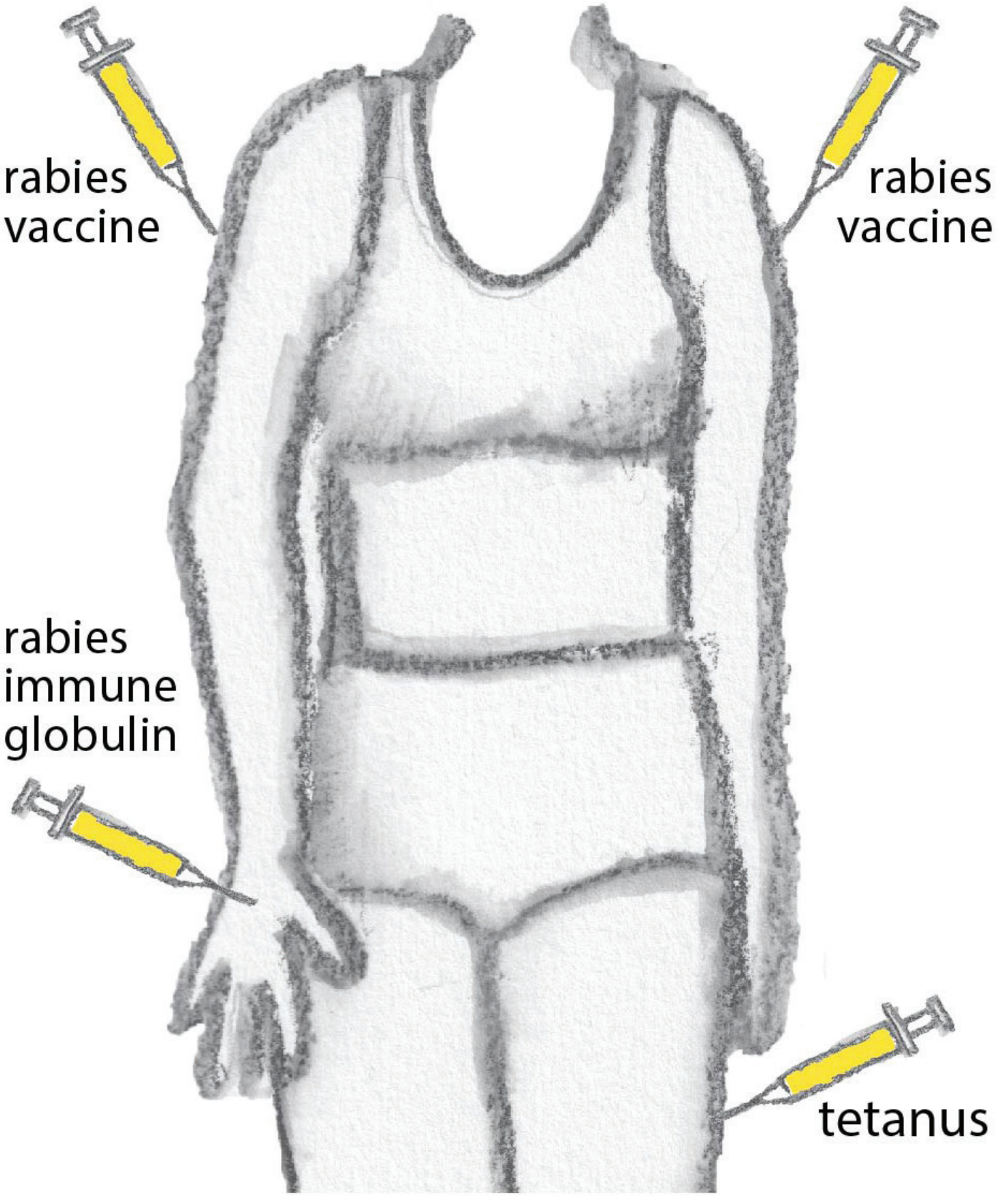
at first i repelled the idea because joey looked healthy and i had known him for a long time, but eventually she convinced me to go.

the amount of rabies vaccine you are given is based on your weight and so they gave me three shots and also a tetnus shot. (also after the first shots you need to go for 3 additional boosters, each a week apart.)

Joey still comes to visit me and i still love him, but i dont pet him anymore, nor any of the other stray cats who come looking for food.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immune
globulin
tetanus

i learned alot about rabies!

- once symptoms appear, rabies is almost always fatal.
- post-exposure treatment is highly effective if administered promptly
- rabies control measures in the united states have significantly reduced rabies as a public health threat

more info is available on the cdc website>
www.cdc.gov/rabies/about

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